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INPUT-OUTPUT CONTROL SYSTEM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Official Action mailed January 12, 2005.

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Dear Sir:

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<u>Transmitted</u> herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | FEE |
|--------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|------------|--------|
| Total Claims | 12 | 20 | 0 | \$50.00 = | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | 6 | 0 | \$200.00 = | \$0.00 |
| | | Multiple dependent claims newly presented | | | \$0.00 |
| | | Fee for extension of time | | | \$0.00 |
| | | | | | \$0.00 |
| | | Total of Above Calculations | | | \$0.00 |

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

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